

**TOWN OF ELLINGTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
21 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT**

PRESS RELEASE

Many communities including Ellington were faced with the task of dealing with roadways blocked by fallen trees tangled in with electrical wires. The job of reinstalling the power lines and poles was indeed a long and costly time frame for many. The job of clearing the 1,000's of cubic yards of tree debris is monumental and is being under taken by all communities including Ellington. This cleanup project could take until Christmas to complete one pass thru the Town and then we must go back and recheck roads for debris thereafter. If the weather turns to snow we would stop our operations and restart when the weather permitted. Outlined below are the actions that the Ellington Department of Public Works has taken to date.

On Tuesday, November 1, when the roads were first being reopened by the electric company the Ellington DPW dispatched three crews throughout the town to clear debris.

The first crew was dispatched west of Route 83 starting in the 5 corners area of town moving north collecting and disposing of debris placed along the edge of the road. It is projected to reach the Frog Hollow Road area by this Saturday, November 19, 2011, still moving north.

The second crew was dispatched starting on Kibbe Road on the east side of Route 83 and moving south. It is projected that this crew reaches the Upper/Middle Butcher Road/Moser Drive area on November 21, 2011.

The third crew was dispatched starting on Webster Road moving east toward Stafford chipping the debris into the woods. Large piles of debris are easier to remove with the loader. The chipping crew made notes of the large pile locations and they will be cleaned up once the Town has completed the first pass thru.

The Town is seeking FEMA assistance and will be hiring an outside contractor to assist our crews starting November 28, 2011. This cleanup operation will begin in the northwest corner of the Town (Woodside/Berries).

The Department of Public Works has always given our residents three options for disposal of the debris and they are as follows;

- 1) Hire a local contractor and have them remove the debris and haul it to Green Cycle Disposal location on Route 140 in Ellington.
- 2) Haul the debris directly to the RESIDENTIAL BRUSH DUMP, where only residents can haul to. This facility has been open daily since November 1.
- 3) Wait until the DPW crews can make the first pass thru town and then return for any missed locations.

The Public Works Department has been working 9 to 10 hours a day, 6 days a week and has staffed the Residential Brush Dump on Sundays, since October 30, 2011. There currently are roadways within the Town that have not yet been chipped or picked up.

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